

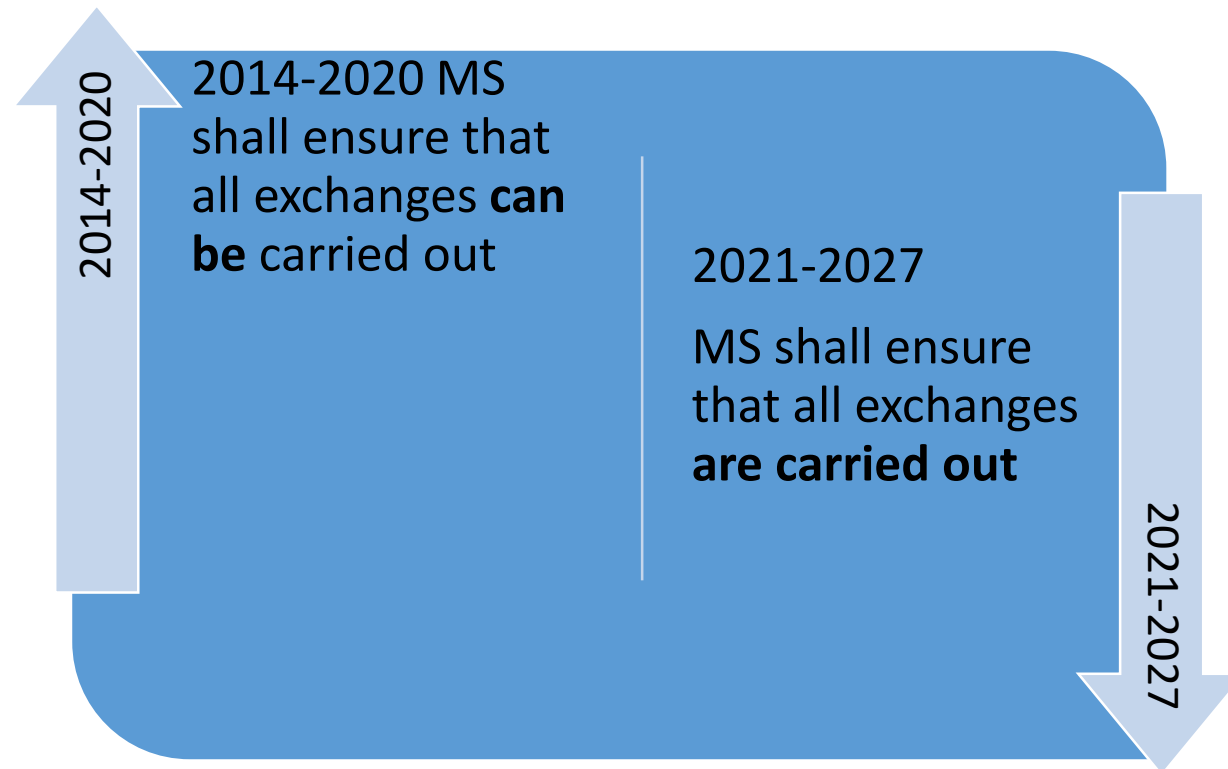


Horizontal principles in the Interreg 2021- 2027 programmes. E-cohesion

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What is e-cohesion?

- Exchange of information between beneficiaries and programme authorities through electronic data exchange systems



Regulatory requirements on e-cohesion

Article 69(8) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060

- MS shall ensure that all exchanges of information between beneficiaries and the programme authorities are carried out by means of electronic data exchange systems
- MS shall promote the benefits of e-cohesion
- MS shall provide all necessary support to beneficiaries regarding this electronic exchange
- The managing authority may exceptionally accept, upon the specific request of the beneficiary, the exchanges of information in paper format

Characteristics of electronic data exchange systems

Annex XIV.1 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060

- Ensuring data security, data integrity, data confidentiality, authentication of the sender
- Ensuring availability and functioning during and outside standard office hours (except during technical maintenance).
- Ensuring that the system aims to make use of logical, simple and intuitive functions and interface.
- Use of functionalities in the system
- Ensuring record-keeping and data storage in the system enabling both administrative verifications of payment claims and audits.

Modalities for transmission of documents and data for all exchanges

Annex XIV.2 of Regulation 2021/1060

- Ensuring the use of **electronic signature**
- Providing for storing the date of transmission of documents and data
- Ensuring **accessibility**
- Ensuring the **protection of privacy of personal data** for individuals and commercial confidentiality for legal entities

Programmes 2021-2027 and e-cohesion

Questions to be addressed:

- 1. Has the programme set up a system to ensure that all exchanges are carried out between beneficiaries and all the programme authorities by means of electronic data exchange in accordance with Annex XIV of the CPR?
- 2. Is the electronic data exchange system set between beneficiaries and all the programme authorities fully functional?

Current evaluation of e-cohesion

• **Scope**

- analyse implementation of e-Cohesion systems during the 2014-2020 programming period and to identify good practice systems.
- analyse the preparedness of the e-Cohesion systems in view of the new CPR for the 2021 – 2027 programming period

• **Timeline:** End of the evaluation → first quarter of 2022

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Questions so far?

